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U.S.-JAPAN JOINT SUPPORT FOR UN CONFERENCE ON S&T FOR
DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) TOKYO 5831; (B) TOKYO 6023; (C) TOKYO 6624

1. MOFA OFFICIAL (KANEKO, UN BUREAU) INFORMALLY REPORTED TO SCICOUNS THAT MOFA IS STRUGGLING TO MEET REQUIREMENT SET BY PM FUKUDA TO COME UP WITH SOME IDEAS THAT WOULD INCREASE LEVEL OF S&T COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. (FUSION COOPERATION WAS ONE SUBJECT THAT HAD MADE BIG IMPRESSION ON FUKUDA AS RESULT OF JOHN SAWHILL'S PROPOSAL ON FUSION MADE AT SHIMODA CONFERENCE. DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT PRIMARILY THROUGH GOJ WASHINGTON EMBASSY AND ARE WELL KNOWN TO DEPT.)

2. KANEKO, SPEAKING VERY INFORMALLY AND MORE OR LESS THINKING OUT LOUD, RAN THROUGH NUMBER OF OTHER IDEAS WITH SCICOUNS, MOST OF WHICH WERE IMPRACTICAL BECAUSE COMMITMENTS OF LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WERE REQUIRED OR BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO COMPLICATED TO NEGOTIATE IN TIME REMAINING BEFORE SUMMIT MEETING. HOWEVER, ONE IDEA SURFACED WHICH
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APPEARS WORTHY OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN OPINION OF EMBASSY. SIMPLY STATED, TWO HEADS OF STATE WOULD AGREE THAT U.S. AND JAPAN WOULD MAKE JOINT EFFORT TO EXTEND MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SUPPORT TO UN CONFERENCE ON S&T FOR DEVELOPMENT, TO BE HELD IN VIENNA IN 1979.

3. ON FACE OF IT, IDEA REPRESENTS NOTHING NEW FOR USG,

WHICH IS ALREADY MAKING MAJOR AND PROBABLY MAXIMUM EFFORT
TO INSURE SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, PUBLIC COMMIT-
MENT BY FUKUDA TO CONFERENCE COULD BE SHOT IN ARM FOR
LIBERAL JAPANESE WHO HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY LACK OF
IMAGINATION BEING SHOWN BY GOJ TOWARD CONFERENCE. WE
EXPECT THAT KANEKO IS ALREADY TRYING OUT THIS SUBJECT
ON HIGHER-UPS IN GOJ. HE AND OTHERS HAVE PROMISED TO
TELL US IN ADVANCE OF ANY OR ALL S&T MATTERS WHICH PM
WISHES TO RAISE, SO WE MAY HEAR FURTHER ABOUT THIS.
IF DEPT. HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT UN CONFERENCE BEING
INSCRIBED ON AGENDA, PLEASE INFORM US IMMEDIATELY SO
WE CAN HEAD OFF FURTHER ACTIVITY WITHIN GOJ.
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